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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: January 11, 2006

TIME: 7:00pm – Budget Workshop - Open

PLACE: Lincoln High School - Library

135 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Elizabeth Robson, Julie Zito, and Jerry St. Germain was absent.

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent; Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, Mark Gadbois, and Angelo Mencucci.

Motion by Roll to open meeting. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.

Weiss said with the Committee's permission he has requested that the Budget Board members ask questions as needed.

Kathy Murphy and Carole McCourt have asked to have video surveillance cameras put into the school budget for Northern Elementary School because the playgrounds are being vandalized.

Just this past weekend, playground signs were removed off the steel poles and took recycle bins. The Playground Committee has money left over to put in surveillance cameras and want to do it but were told it's not following protocol. If they wait, they could wait a long time and pay out a lot in repairs. They approached the principals and told them they have \$1,000. Weiss asked Linda Cliff her thoughts. She doesn't believe it's our students. She does not have any objectives to cameras being installed. The cost of the camera depends on the type of camera. The Superintendent will look into it. Newman asked if it will be in next year's budget or is this something that needs to be funded this year? The Playground Committee will use their own money.

Miller asked to go to page 37 of NELC budget. The 2005-06 budgeted positions have not been adjusted for Pension Reform Savings. Also, under Purchased Services, \$34,871 was not carried over to the 06-07 budget. This change will be made.

Connie O'Riley, Central, presented her 06-07 budget. Weiss requested what positions will be moving out of the 6th grade and whether or not other positions have been accounted for. Tindall-Gibson said the Committee will be provided with a detail of itinerant teachers. O'Riley wants to raise the After School Program line to \$7,500, up \$2,500. The State Testing Assessments will be covering grades 3 – 5; it will be opened up to more children and have more staff on. Brunetti noted water has gone up throughout the district.

Melinda Smith, Fairlawn, presented her budget and had no staff to add. Fortunato said she can transfer support staff to FELC. A Reading Recover teacher is retiring and the cost of training is about \$10,000. She has an increase in self-contained equipment lines and supplies. She has no way of anticipating what kind of equipment or if a child is going to anticipate a growth spurt for adaptive equipment. Smith is also requesting additional funds to purchase “Level Readers”. The telephone line was increased because Miller wasn’t sure what was going to happen with our new phone system. Fairlawn only has two lines. Roll asked about the afterschool program. It is held in the summer and serves kids who didn’t hit benchmark. It is different from the ESY program whereas it doesn’t service special needs students.

Robson said to O’Riley that it seems like she is losing five teachers, not four. It’s not counted in the budget. The 4th grade teacher is on the CRP grant.

Mary Carvalho, Lonsdale, presented her budget. Two 6th grade teachers are moving out but only one of them will be moving to the middle school because we have 13 6th grade teachers and we only need 12. They will reallocate one to Saylesville in the 3rd grade.

Linda Cliff, Northern, presented her budget. No additional staff is requested and the rest of the increase is due to step increase and cost of living. Roll asked about the afterschool program. Cliff said

testing was normally only at the 4th grade level, now the entire school is being tested. They are currently looking at grades 3, 4, and 5, at least. There will be 6 teachers doing at least 30 hours. It probably will be a ramp up program in the fall, not summer. They will be concentrating on the kids who are just below standard.

Margaret Lemay, Saylesville, presented her budget. There are four 6th grades moving out and one 3rd grade coming in. She is requesting a Reading teacher because they have many students in need of additional reading support. A fully inclusion grade 2 will be opened for the 06-07 school year.

Joyce Krabach, Northern ELC, presented her budget. She is not requesting additional staff. The Family Literacy Center needs to be separate from NELC budget. There is an increase in math books and reading books. Full-day Kindergarten will be presented to the School Committee in February and voted on in March.

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Bob Martin, Lincoln High School, presented his budget. Miller reviewed the additional staff requests. Fortunato requested .2 Social Worker be removed. The Superintendent and herself have begun negotiations with the Northern RI Collaborative to talk about renting one classroom for eight students who have mild to moderate

behavioral concerns. They would pay us the amount of \$20,500 for the 2006 – 2007 school year. This would not encompass additional staffing.

There is a request for a Reading teacher due to the high amount of PLPs. There are 80 students between grades 9 and 10 and the number will increase once the 8th grades moves up. Twenty-seven percent of our freshman class and 24% of our sophomore class is below is below grade reading level. Only 73% of our freshman class are at or above grade reading level. Ramp up is also requested to provide intensive instruction to students.

Martin is requesting an additional administrator for the high school. There will only be one resource office in the building next year because a resource officer will be needed at the middle school. Martin stated there is an increase in square footage of building (38% increase in safety and supervision responsibilities). He will provide the Committee with a comparison of schools in the state. This request has been taken off the table for more research.

The .2 Physics First teacher is not part of the grant. The grant is for curriculum only. Roll asked why he is requesting a .2. Martin said in order to accommodate the switch, there will be a period of lapse between Biology and Chemistry and Physics First takes place. You need to add an additional class this year. You will see next year an additional 1.0 for a Physics/Chemistry teacher. These teachers are

very difficult to find.

Martin discussed the Student Activities Fund. Roll discussed her concern was to ensure there was adequate numbers in that account for families who could not afford some trips. Weiss said Mr. Martin has been working on a presentation regarding the high school use of space, where the teachers will be going, and percentage of time in classrooms.

Ethier discussed Instructional Supplies. Miller said they ask for that amount every year and every year it gets cut back.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Zito. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE